

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) An exterior rear view mirror assembly comprising:

a housing adapted to be secured to an outer surface of a motor vehicle and having a generally rearwardly facing opening;

a reflective mirror disposed within the opening;

a modular bezel connected ~~disposed in proximity to a portion of~~ to a lower transverse surface of the housing, the modular bezel having an opening for projecting light and a holder positioned in said modular bezel;

a light transmitting lens formed in the modular bezel; and

a light source assembly located and connected to said holder inside the modular bezel having a light source connectable to the light source assembly wherein the light source generates light, the light source assembly generating light projected through the opening in the modular bezel, the light source assembly being operable to provide a light signal visible through the light transmitting lens.

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) The exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein the opening in the modular bezel projects rearwardly.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) The exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 2 wherein the light source assembly is removably secured to the modular bezel.

Claim 4. (Original) The exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein the light source generates light to provide at least one of a turn signal light, a vehicle approach light, and a vehicle side marker light.

Claim 5. (Original) The exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein the light source generates light to provide a vehicle approach light and wherein the lens is one of red, amber, and white.

Claim 6. (Original) The exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein the light source generates light to provide a vehicle side marker light and wherein the lens is one of red, amber, and white.

Claim 7. (Original) The exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein the light source generates light to provide a turn signal and wherein the lens is one of red, white, and amber.

Claim 8. (Original) An exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein the light source assembly has a reflective inner surface, the inner surface being shaped to direct a maximum amount of light emitted from the light source to the lens.

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) An exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein the modular bezel is integrally formed with the housing.

Claim 10. (Currently Amended) An exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein the modular bezel is separately formed from the housing, and wherein a fastener attaches the modular bezel to the housing.

Claim 11. (Original) An exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein the lens is operative to direct light through an arc extending at least 40 degrees rearwardly from approximately a line passing through the mirror assembly and extending perpendicularly to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle.

Claim 12. (Original) An exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein the light source assembly includes an electrical connector for supporting the light source.

Claim 13. (Original) An exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 12 wherein the bulb holder is integrally formed with the light source assembly.

Claim 14. (Original) An exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein the light source assembly is operable to provide a signal visible through the light transmitting lens to a rearward motor vehicle when actuated.

Claim 15. (Currently Amended) A mirror assembly for a vehicle comprising:

- a mirror housing;
- a reflective element;
- a backing assembly supported by the mirror housing, the backing assembly supporting the reflective element;
- a modular bezel formed separately ~~integrally with~~ from the mirror housing and ~~defining a portion~~ connected to ~~of~~ a lower transverse surface of the mirror housing, the modular bezel having an opening for projecting light and a holder positioned in the modular bezel;
- a light module connectedly disposed within the holder of said modular bezel, the light module having a light source, wherein light from the light source projects through the opening; and
- a lens formed in the opening, the light projecting through the lens.

Claim 16. (Currently Amended) The mirror assembly of claim 15 wherein the modular bezel is disposed generally beneath the bottom surface of the mirror assembly ~~backing assembly and the reflective element~~.

Claim 17. (Currently Amended) The mirror assembly of claim 15 wherein the opening in the modular bezel projects rearwardly.

Claim 18. (Original) The mirror assembly of claim 15 wherein the light source generates light to provide at least one of a turn signal light, an approach light, and a vehicle side marker light.

Claim 19. (Original) The mirror assembly of claim 15 wherein the light source assembly has a reflective inner surface, the inner surface being shaped to direct a maximum amount of light emitted from the light source to the lens.

Claim 20. (Original) The mirror assembly of claim 15 wherein the lens is operative to direct light through an arc extending at least 40 degrees rearwardly from approximately a line passing through the mirror assembly and extending perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle.

Claim 21. (Original) The mirror assembly of claim 15 wherein the light source is operable to provide a signal visible through the light transmitting lens to a rearward motor vehicle when actuated.

Claim 22. (Currently Amended) The mirror assembly of claim 15 further comprising a fastener for attaching the light module to the modular bezel.

Claim 23. (Currently Amended) The mirror assembly of claim 16 wherein the fastener comprises a threaded fastener that is inserted through the bottom of the modular bezel through a boss located in the modular bezel and into a corresponding boss in the mirror housing.

Claim 24. (Currently Amended) The mirror assembly of claim 16 wherein the fastener comprises a clip-type fastener, the clip-type fastener engaging the modular bezel.

Claim 25. (Currently Amended) A mirror assembly for a vehicle comprising:

- a mirror housing;
- a reflective element;
- a backing assembly supported by the mirror housing, the backing assembly supporting the reflective element;
- a modular bezel formed as a separate element of and attached to a lower surface portion of the mirror housing, the modular bezel having an opening for projecting light through the opening, and a holder positioned in the modular bezel;
- a light module disposed within the holder inside the modular bezel, the light module having a light source for providing light projected through the opening; and
- a lens formed in the opening, the light projecting through the lens.

Claim 26. (Currently Amended) The mirror assembly of claim 25 wherein the modular bezel is disposed generally beneath the mirror housing ~~backing assembly and the reflective element~~.

Claim 27. (Currently Amended) The mirror assembly of claim 25 wherein the opening in the modular bezel projects rearwardly.

Claim 28. (Original) The mirror assembly of claim 25 wherein the light source generates light to provide at least one of a turn signal light, an approach light, and a vehicle side marker light.

Claim 29. (Original) An exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 25 wherein the light source assembly has a reflective inner surface, the inner surface being shaped to direct a maximum amount of light emitted from the light source to the lens.

Claim 30. (Original) The mirror assembly of claim 25 wherein the lens is operative to direct light through an arc extending at least 40 degrees rearwardly from approximately a line passing through the mirror assembly and extending perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle.

Claim 31. (Original) The mirror assembly of claim 25 wherein the light source is operable to provide a signal visible through the light transmitting lens to a rearward motor vehicle when actuated.

Claim 32. (Currently Amended) The mirror assembly of claim 25 further comprising a fastener for attaching the light module to the modular bezel.

Claim 33. (Original) The mirror assembly of claim 32 wherein the fastener comprises a threaded fastener that is inserted through the bottom of the modular bezel through a boss located in the modular bezel and into a corresponding boss in the mirror housing.

Claim 34. (Currently Amended) The mirror assembly of claim 32 wherein the fastener comprises a clip-type fastener, the clip-type fastener engaging the modular bezel.

Claim 35. (Currently Amended) An exterior rear view mirror assembly comprising:

a housing adapted to be secured to an outer surface of a motor vehicle and having a generally rearwardly facing opening;

a reflective mirror disposed within the opening;

a modular bezel in proximity to a lower surface ~~portion~~ of the housing, the modular bezel having a rearward opening for projecting light and a holder positioned inside the modular bezel;

a light transmitting lens formed in the modular bezel; and

a light source assembly removably secured to the holder inside of the modular bezel and having a light source, the light source assembly generating light projected through the opening in the modular bezel, the light source assembly being operable to provide a light signal visible through the light transmitting lens.

Claim 36. (Original) The exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 35 wherein the light source generates light to provide at least one of a turn signal light, an approach light, and a vehicle side marker light.

Claim 37. (Original) The exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 36 wherein the lens is one of red, amber, and white.

Claim 38. (Currently Amended) An exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 37 wherein the modular bezel is integrally formed with the housing.

Claim 39. (Currently Amended) An exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 37 wherein the modular bezel is separately formed from the housing, and wherein fasteners attach the modular bezel to the housing.

Claim 40. (Original) An exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 37 wherein the light source assembly is operable to provide a signal visible through the light transmitting lens to a rearward motor vehicle when actuated.